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SUBJECT: KHMER UNITED NATIONS CREDENTIALS

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1. I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER ON SEPTEMBER 3 TO RAISE WITH HIM THE KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE ON THE BASIS OF REFTEL. I MADE A FORCEFUL PRESENTATION TO HIM, MAKING SURE THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE STRENGTH OF U.S. VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE, THE PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT OF THE SECRETARY, AND OUR CONVICTION THAT THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION IS INTRINSICALLY RELATED TO THE EFFORT FOR PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WHOLE OF INDOCHINA.

2. I DELIBERATELY DID NOT SEEK A RESPONSE FROM THE FONMIN AT THIS TIME, SINCE NEPAL'S PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO THE SIHOUNOUK REGIME MADE AT THE TIME OF THE KING'S VISIT TO PEKING SEEMS TO IMPEL AN ALMOST AUTOMATIC RESPONSE OF EXPLANATION OF NONALIGNED PRESSURES ON NEPAL AND THEIR IMMOBILITY ON THIS QUESTION. INSTEAD, I STRESSED TO THE FONMIN THAT THE ISSUE THIS FALL AT THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD BE WHETHER THE U.N. WAS WILLING TO LEND STRONG SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A NEGOTIATING PROCESS AMONG THOSE INVOLVED IN THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE RATHER THAN TO ACT IN A PREJUDICIAL WAY ON THE QUESTION OF THE CREDENTIALS OF THE SIHANOUK REGIME AS
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OPPOSED TO THOSE OF THE GKR. I TOLD HIM THE QUESTION WOULD

BE WHETHER NEPAL WOULD BE PREPARED TO ASSOCIATE ITSELF WITH SUCH A POSITIVE APPROACH AND THAT HE MUST EXPECT THIS TO BE A MAJOR FOCUS OF INTEREST DURING HIS VISITS TO NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON AT THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3. I BELIEVE I HAVE LAID USEFUL GROUNDWORK WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND WE WILL SEEK SOME FURTHER DISCUSSION HERE WITH KEY FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PALACE OFFICIALS. I RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT TAKE UP THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE WITH FONMIN KARKI DURING HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN LATE SEPTEMBER FOR HIGH LEVEL TALKS ON SUBJECTS OF CURRENT CONCERN IN U.S.-NEPALESE RELATIONS (STATE 188614).

4. NEPAL'S NATURAL DISPOSITION WILL BE TO SUPPORT A CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THOSE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION. THE MOST DIFFICULT CRUNCH, HOWEVER, FOR NEPAL WILL LIE IN ANY VOTE WHICH APPEARS TO MAKE THEM CHOOSE DIRECTLY BETWEEN SUPPORT FOR THE GKR AND THE SIHANOUK REGIME (TO WHICH THEY ARE PUBLICLY COMMITTED). PROSPECTS FOR A NEPALESE ABSTENTION WILL BE BRIGHTER IF THE ISSUE CAN BE FORMULATED AS PROCEDURAL, RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE, I.E. WHETHER TO DEFER A DECISION ON CHOOSING ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER.
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